

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the NAB's seeking to stop XM Satellite Radio from providing local traffic and weather services, there are two points that I believe must be considered:

1) Congress has always required that serving the public interest is a key obligation of broadcasters.

2) Marketplace competition is the heart of a free market and is a core American value.

It would make more sense for XM to be required to provide local traffic and weather than it would to ban them from doing so, and for the NAB to suggest that only previously established media should be able to provide these services is for them to seek to stifle competition.

Please reject petition 04-160.

Thank you,  
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